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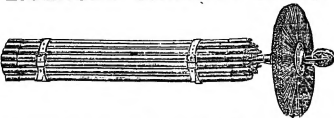
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Red Cross Social at Burnt Lake

The ladies of Burnt Lake work party recently donated \$50 to install a bed in Canadian Hospital at Ramsgate, Kent, England and to donate of \$15 towards the Christmas Socks Fund. These donations put the funds rather low so an entertainment was arranged to replenish the funds. Messrs. Swinson, kindly placed their barn at the disposal of the committee and a very successful concert, box social and dance was held there on Friday, December 8th. As usual the people of the district responded most liberally and the entertainment was a great success, both socially and financially. The total receipts from sale of boxes, lunches and candies being \$115. Mr. Gilbert McNeichie made an excellent chairman. Mr. Frank Dallaire and Mr. Walsh acted as auctioneers and got through their part in business-like fashion. The music for the dance was supplied by Miss Julian Dallaire and Mr. L. Bjornson and with Mr. Dallaire as floor manager, dancing was kept up with great spirit till well on in the morning.

The ladies desire to thank all who assisted to make the evening such a financial success.

The following was the concert programme:

Overture—piano and violin—
Miss Dallaire and Mr. Bjornson
Song, "Scotland Yet,"
Mr. A. L. Stewart
Song, "Mother McChie,"
Miss McKenzie
Song, "My Ain Folk,"
Mrs. A. L. Stewart
Song, "Some day when dreams come true,"
Mr. Whitby
Sketch, "Don't jump at Conclusions,"
Miss Swinson
Song, "I'm loving them all the time,"
Mr. F. L. Dallaire
Song, "Just for a brown eyed girl,"
Mrs. A. L. Stewart
Song, "Sing me to sleep,"
Miss McKenzie

"God Save the King,"
Audience
Accompanists: Miss McKenzie, Miss Julian Dallaire, Miss Emily Swinson, and Mr. Lin Bjornson.

The following finished work has been forwarded to the Provincial Branch Red Cross Society, Calgary, from Burnt Lake Red Cross Work Party:

12 slings,
26 pillow slips
350 mouth wipes
12 towels
6 hot water bottle covers
6 pairs nurses sleeves
7 pairs socks
1 suit pyjamas
9 day shirts
6 bed jackets
6 T handkerchiefs
2 many-tailed handkerchiefs
48 triangular bandages.
Mrs. A. L. Stewart, Sec-Treas.

Rocky Mountain House

December 18, 1916

William Austin, who recently sold his farm on the west side of the river to Geo. Cavan, left last Tuesday morning, along with Mrs. Austin, his son and daughter, for South Australia, where he intends to again take up farming. It is just seven years ago since this family moved to this settlement, they being one of the first settlers in the district.

Mrs. Ben Dickens left last Wednesday morning for Stettler to visit with friends at that point.

Oscar James returned on Wednesday evening from Calgary, where he has been working for the last few weeks.

Ferry McNeichie, who has been working at the Saund Creek Mines for some time, had the misfortune a week ago Saturday, to fall a distance of eight feet from the triple, striking with his back against a piece of timber and his head on the coal in a car. He is home for a few days recovering from the shock, and as can be expected from such a fall is pretty stiff in his limbs.

Mr. J. No. Dudley intends leaving this week for North Dakota to visit his daughter, Mrs. Roy Simons.

Bruce Williams, who has been working on the Forestry Department at Nordberg all summer, returned home last week and will be in our midst for the winter at least, and it is expected that the cribbage games will be renewed now that our friend Bruce is home.

Mr. Pollard, the dentist, from Calgary, who was here last week, had to remain over until this week to attend to all the people that were waiting to have their teeth attended.

William Ellengburgh has finished threshing to the south of here, and moved across the river on Saturday. Billy expects to get through threshing in January this year.

Mr. A. Telling, of Burnt Lake, was renewing acquaintances in this vicinity last week.

Mrs. M. J. Leavitt and Mrs. Jordan, of Stauffer, were the guests of Mrs. J. H. Bertrand last week.

What has happened the Literary Society this winter? It is a question that the ones who pushed it ahead and made it a success, are this winter leaving it to the fault finders, with the usual result.

B. W. Allen has bought eight lots north of the Hotel Mount View, and has purchased the Stockwell house on Mr. Slaght's farm, and has conveyed it to move that dwelling on to his lots.

Mrs. Ralph Brown has been laid up for some time suffering with acute rheumatism.

Mr. Woods has moved into the village and he and a Woods are living beside the Co-operative store, where the office of Eckford & Woods is located.

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Red Deer Horticultural Society Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Red Deer Horticultural Society held in Free Library on Wednesday, 13th, the audited financial statement showed a balance of \$13.37 on the season's work.

The annual report showed that the Society's work had missed a great deal the stimulus of Mr. A. A. G. Allen, the late secretary, who had called. It is finally decided, however, that it would be a pity to drop the annual show. As a result of the labors of a committee consisting of Messrs. Coates, Reid, and Wilton, some losses in material taken by the oldiers was partly made good by the Agricultural Society, and the City Council made a grant of \$50, which, with membership fees and Government grant, enabled the Society to keep up its show and other work.

Owing to the early date at which the Red Deer Horticultural Society's fair was held, it was impossible to hold the Horticultural show in conjunction with it, as had been done in other years, and an early first year also affected the flowers. There was a very fair exhibition, however, in the parish hall, the pot plants being the finest showing the Society has yet had. There was a very gratifying attendance of visitors during the whole afternoon and evening.

In the garden competition the number of entries was smaller than in previous years, but the judge, Mr. W. R. Reader, Parks Superintendent of Calgary, expressed himself highly pleased with the admirable efforts of the efforts put forth at beautifying the home grounds.

An illustrated lecture by Mr. Reader on the laying out and upkeep of farm gardens, and a paper by the same on judging at horticultural trials, illustrated points of experience, were features of the year's work.

The following officers were elected: Hon. President—H. H. Wallbridge; President—E. W. Galbraith; Vice-Presidents—T. S. Miller, C. H. Stone.

Botanist—Jus. Cole.

Horticulturist—John Reid.

Directors—Messrs. H. Bawlin, H. S. Stent, and H. Meers.

Messrs: J. P. Boyce, W. T. Coote, P. E. Graham, L. J. Porter, Rev. W. G. Brown, G. W. Smith, W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Financial Statement

Revenue—
Entry Fees 1.00
Membership 4.00
Government grant, 1915 300.00
City grant 50.00
Total 355.00

Expenditure—
Audit, 1915 3.00
Depreciation 9.88
Interest 12.90
Judging 11.25
Miscellaneous 12.25
Postages and war tax 3.25
Printing and Advertising 19.00
Prizes 302.00
Balance on year's work 13.37
Total 391.90

A sum of \$50 received from the Agricultural Society for tables and trestles has been applied on the note at the Bank, reducing it to \$250, against which there is the Government grant of \$500 to come.

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Eckville

Letters from The Front

Chiff. Malcolm writes:
France, Nov. 25, 1916

I have been extremely busy this week and have had no time for writing. When we were in the trenches the last trip, I was sent straight to a school of instruction in bombing and bayonet fighting and just returned to the good old hospital to-night when I got your letters and papers which as usual were all welcome and interesting. The course of instruction was very good and I secured many more useful points about this game of war and will be able to strafe old Fritz to perfection.

The weather is still wet, cold and foggy and very much different to that of this time last year; here it is my birthday and I'm getting to be quite used to it. I have just been thinking of the fun we used to have getting ready for parties, etc., just a few years ago and how you, mother, used to say you hated giving parties on our birthday as they would think we were just after the presents; nevertheless, mother, let's hope we will all get together for my next birthday and we will have a little party, presents or no presents.

I had a letter from Roy and he seemed to be enjoying himself in Bligny, and I do hope he manages to get in something good over there. Lt. Major had a letter from Miss Tyler (to-night) asking about Cliff. It seems they have received very little particulars regarding his death. I think I have told you once before how it happened; however, he and Norm were in "D" Coy. and they were in supports. We were in the front line. Thank goodness Fritz did not have a very good range on our line and the shelling was considerably lighter there than in the supports; nevertheless it was enough for me and I sure hugged the bottom of the dirt that night. I just had a little sugar-bug big enough to double up in. Another boy of the 8th and I were carrying a wounded fellow back to the dressing station. How we got there, God only knows. We fell ahead of us and behind on all sides but we got there safely and no one was hurt but the fellow we had to pass over the support line and it was here I first heard of Cliff's death and of Norm, and Joe. Norm and Cliff were just having dinner in his little dugout and Cliff was sitting along side of Norm, and was holding out the jam tin to him when a shell hit it in the trench at their feet. Norm, after the explosion got up, and although almost blinded, he saw Cliff still holding out the jam tin to him. The shell must have broken in such a way that the shrapnel all went straight up as neither of them had a mark. Norm got up once through his helmet but it did not touch him. He had a very narrow escape. Cliff had no mark at all on the concussion of the explosion. The boys buried him back of the trench and were good enough to put up a little cross. We surely miss him around as he was a good fellow. You will have seen by the Advocate where Jimmy (or Shorty) Moffat was killed. He dropped right into McWhirter's trench and Norm stood it. Well, it was a mighty close call for him. The same shell got several, including the Sergeant Major. Shorty died on the road to the ambulance after he left the dressing station. We sure miss that kid as he was so comical. Roy and I used to go to the Orange hall with him when kids. Shorty was always talking about the times we kids and Holf Nagle used to have.

We are in a quiet part of the line at present and it is a change from the— Well, mother I am looking forward to the end you have sent and hope it lands here soon. We had a few extra frames given us this last pay for Xmas presents to send home, but all we can get over here are cards and handkerchiefs which I am sending and hope you received O.K. I had a letter from Leslie Simpson and his ex-wife a few days ago, and certainly I was glad to see some one that belonged to us. I have felt mighty lonely at times here coming out here, it was all right when I was with Roy; however, keep smiling it's absolutely the only system and the best.

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A Youthful Warrior



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Decision On Purchase of This Property by Lieut.-Col. Clark in 1912 Changed

The appellate division has reversed the decision of the trial judge in an important action involving a big real estate deal that took place at Red Deer in 1912, when Lieut.-Col. W. R. Clark, formerly of the Indian army, purchased the Hopeworth farm of 316 acres at \$100 per acre. Mr. Justice Ives found for the plaintiff, Clark, as against the defendants, Hopeworth, Michener, Chadsey et al., and dismissed the counter claim of the defendant, Hopeworth.

The decision of the appellate division, supreme court of Alberta, is given by Beck, J., and concurred in by Scott, J., and Stuart, J., while the Hon. the chief justice, concurs, except in one detail.

The defendants, other than Hopeworth, were carrying on a real estate business at Red Deer under the firm name of Michener, Carscallen & Co., while Hopeworth was the owner of a 316-acre farm near the city of Red Deer. He had listed this farm with the real estate company at \$100 per acre. The trial judge found that Michener, Carscallen & Co., consequently, were agents for Hopeworth.

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is undoubtedly now not salable for the price for which it was purchased, all parties concerned however thought that the price paid was a fair one. I can see nothing in any of the alleged misrepresentations, and in weighing what may be said in argument, some considerable weight should, I think, be given to the delay which occurred in taking steps to repudiate the transaction, and to the fact that the purchase was made during a 'boom' and the complaints made after the coming of a 'slump'.

In the view I have taken of the facts, the obvious conclusion is that in my opinion the appeal ought to be allowed with costs and the action is dismissed with the delay which occurred should be for the defendant Hopeworth on his counter claim, as prayed.

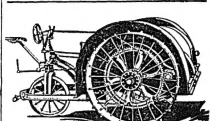
Prussianism Again Makes Humiliating Confession of Failure

New York Herald: "We, the first and only ones, were ready and are ready to end the war by a peace guaranteeing our existence and our future."—Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

Again does Prussianism, through the imperial chancellor as its mouthpiece, make open admission that the war it brought upon the German people and upon the world to promote its own selfish and predatory purposes has failed. Prussianism now cries out for peace—for a peace whose only condition is a guarantee of "our existence and our future."

The peace of which von Bethmann-Hollweg speaks is the peace of a militarism on the defensive, facing impending defeat. This is all the proud boasting of dinners to be eaten in Paris and Petrograd. This is the threat of invasion of England, "whom Gott Straft!" This is the dream of a world bowing its knee to Pan-Germanism. If the language attributed to the imperial chancellor in appealing to the Reichstag for an extension of conscription means anything it is that it is even to the inner circles of Junkerism there has come realization that the war of conquest has failed hopelessly.

It has failed. The hosts of Prussianism have been able to triumph over little Belgium and little Serbia and are now trampling upon little Rumania. On the seas its warships have made some havoc against merchant ships and against British boats. But with the third winter confronting them the once proud war lords are unable to see hope of substantial victory in any direction—and it was all to have been so easy!



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SAD, EMPTY BERLIN

London Bright and Determined—Neutral Seas Many Contrasts

Returning from Germany after a depressing visit there a neutral newspaperman writes in England: The vitality of London, the immense stream of traffic, the tall Australians and New Zealanders, clean-cut Canadians, dogged-looking English and Scots, the handsome young officers, the air of real confidence and abundance, strike me every time I leave my hotel for a walk, and the comparison with the deserted ruins of Berlin makes a newly arrived foreigner nervous in crossing one of your whirling main thoroughfares. You can walk across most streets in Berlin reading a newspaper, and those who remember Berlin before the war will realize the difference.

So far I have heard no bell ringing and seen no flag displays in London, although since I have been here the advances and captures of prisoners on the western front would have afforded the Germans occasions for half a dozen such displays. Please imagine the flagging and ringing in Berlin if the allied advance at Verdun had been a German advance in the same localities.

The newspaper critics here are different. Here it appears to be the custom to shout the name of the general. At every corner in Berlin old women and old men shout "sticks of twenty divisions of English replied on the Somme" and the rest of it. When they are going usually badly on the Somme the old familiar cry of "terrible Russian losses" croaks on hour after hour.

OFFICERS FROM RANKS

France's Method Throws Counts and Vets Together

Will Irwin writes: A great many Frenchmen of humble occupation were reserve officers before the war. So it was when France entered Armageddon. There followed the unexpected heavy losses of this war of slaughter. Further, some of the reserve officers proved incompetent to command under battle conditions. New officers had continually to be supplied. And France supplied them from the ranks, choosing on no standard except military talent, courage and leadership. Probably the educated men have fared best in this process of selection, but it would be hard to say absolutely. The instances of humble men raised to command are so many that I should become wearisome if I quoted all I know. Here, however, are a few:

The little hotel at which I stayed in Paris when the lines were being locked on the Aisne had a pretty young chambermaid in a state of constant anxiety about her husband. They had married only six months before, he was the "boots" of the hotel. I asked about her the other day. She had quit, they said. Her husband was a lieutenant now and she was living on his pay. An American corporal in the aviation corps had his wife and children in Paris. Their nursemaid quit. "Why?" asked her mistress. "My husband has become a lieutenant," she replied. "Besides, my brother-in-law is a major, and I've been thinking for some time that I should be working for a corporal's wife." A wounded officer remarked to me: "One officer in our company was killed before the war; one was a Saint Cyr graduate—the son of a shopkeeper; one was a pork butcher; and I am a count."

HALDANE'S GREAT WORK

Creation of Expeditionary and Territorial Armies Was Important

United Service Gazette says: Those who had an opportunity of appreciating the great tactical genius of Lord Haldane set himself when he went to the War Office in 1906, and who have followed his program ever since, have welcomed the French tribute to the re-organization which the late War Office chief carried through so successfully. One point of Lord French, in his speech at Campbridge, as the "Western Mail" reports, on Dec. 20, will pick a certain troop of back-biters and scandal-mongers in a tender place. It is the "Western Mail" which says that Lord Haldane's gospel of these people that Lord Haldane is a traitor because he has a good deal of exceedingly useful knowledge about Germany and the Germans. It is another part that he was a disastrous failure at the War Office. Lord French does not spare them the truth. He had no doubt about the value of Lord Haldane's re-organization for the army or the quality of the man himself. Lord French praised the volunteers of the old days. He described how Lord Haldane transformed them from a heterogeneous collection of amateur military particles into a real army.

The British Red Cross "War Library" consists of 2,000,000 volumes. There are "sub-brantries" in the thousands of hospitals, rest camps, hospital trains and ships ministering to the needs of the British forces.

ALIEN TRADERS ACTIVE

Injudicious Attempts to Capture Trade in London

The calling up of the last groups of married men in England synchronized with an energetic "offensive" of business snatching by "neutrals" in London. Mr. May, of Messrs. May and Rowden, estate agents, Northcote, W., said that London was inundated with aliens of every sort trying to secure businesses and trades that were reserved for our men who have gone to the front.

Between twenty and thirty aliens call here every day with inquiries for business premises. They are ready to pay any rent. Their favorite descriptions of their nationalities are "Swiss" or "Dutch." Many of them are anxious to open women's clothing businesses in the West End. One "Swiss" stated confidently that he could immediately capture good customers when he obtained premises. Many of the applicants give East End addresses.

Quaint Custom
In accordance with a belief in the West of England, the boots last worn before the man of the house called are hung over his bed, in order to ensure that he will return in safety to wear them again.

With certain exceptions, no officer may receive more than one foreign decoration; no man in the ranks may receive more than one.

About 11,000 soldiers have been returned to the lines, the Home Secretary

LIFE AND CHARACTER

OF SIR DAVID BEATTY

Pen Picture of the Forceful, Winsome Fighter of Ships and Leader of Men

When Beatty first became head of the Grand Fleet, an English paper contained the following: At Jutland Sir David Beatty first met the German battle-cruisers steaming northward; he was the superior force, and the enemy turned and fled with Beatty in pursuit. When the enemy's battle fleet came in sight Admiral Beatty, although outnumbered, followed Nelson's rule to attack "the enemy in flight." He courageously stuck to the foe, and kept up an unequal battle against disadvantages of mist and night, which made the enemy ships from time to time invisible until the British Battle Fleet arrived under Sir John Jellicoe, when, for the mist and approach of night, which covered their flight, they would have been annihilated.

Idol of His Men
One great secret of Sir David Beatty's success in every command he has held is his wonderful courage and dash. He is the idol of his men, who literally worship him. A correspondent reports that not long ago he was talking with a stoker of the flagship Lion, who waxed enthusiastic over "our Admiral," and swore that every man on board would die for him at the word.

The admirable picture has been painted of Sir David by one who knows him well: "The extraordinarily forceful and clear-cut features, the compact, well-knit frame, the quick, almost bird-like movements, and yet with it all the curious effect of a restrained, contained, and most ponderable energy produce an effect at once distinguished and formidable. In general society he never talks shop or about himself, but chatters the ordinary tone of our trivial world. If the gods give him a chance before his command is up and he has had time to shake up his terrible leash of battle-cruisers, he will fight until either he or his enemy is finished."

A Religious Man
Admiral Beatty is of an intensely religious nature, and he carries his religion with him into his daily life. A short time ago he publicly declared that Great Britain would not achieve and maintain complete victory in this war until the British people turned to God and as a people consecrated themselves to the war. His words created a great sensation, and inaugurated a revival movement in the British Isles.

Admiral Beatty is as popular socially as he is in the service, and his marriage with a daughter of the late Marshall Field, of Chicago, has made it possible for him (in time of peace) to exercise a generous hospitality, both in Scotland and in the bustling shires. Since the war began, Lady Beatty has been active in organizing British working girls for home defence. Admiral and Lady Beatty have two sons.

INCOMPARABLE ARMIES

Eulogy of Britain's Volunteers by an Italian—Their Zeal

The Giornale d'Italia of Rome says: The victorious offensive on the Somme was achieved by those same volunteer soldiers whom Kitchener's appeal had called forth. The conscript army had not yet entered the field—or was only beginning to enter it—when the volunteers, the moral value, the military value of this extraordinary army of volunteers has been most strikingly manifested. These men not only freely offered themselves to the sacrifice; they also voluntarily accepted their own powers; and, moreover, they subjected themselves to severe discipline in order to educate themselves in the possible military efficiency. By the privilege of their origin they met and triumphed over the Prussian Guard; they responded to the imposing human sacrifices demanded of them without any weakening of the moral force of the army. I have seen these soldiers behind the Somme; they were, and still are, different from the soldiers of any other nation. The Germans today have learned to fear this army. The fruits of their achievements are not merely of the immediate present. These volunteers constitute the best and most solid centre of the British army, and they will continue to represent an unquenchable fire of enthusiasm, an admirable patriotism which will be unable to resist. They represent a model of perfection; an ideal to be aimed at; a source of emulation; a lesson of heroism, moral and military, which will never be exhausted, however wide its dispersion may be. And for these qualities they will triumph.

PRISONERS IN GERMANY

British Proud and Admired, if Hated—Hard Worked

A neutral after seeing Germany writes in London: There is another great piece of contrast. Though I have looked about carefully, I have seen no prisoners at work. The official figures explain that you have more of their prisoners than they have of yours. Tommy is well to the fore almost everywhere in Germany, working long hours and often at unpleasant tasks. I did not notice any British prisoners working in Berlin itself, but more than once I saw little squads of them being marched through the streets on their way from one station to another, and I can assure you that the hearts of the neutrals went out to them. They bore themselves gallantly, head erect, and with a cheerfulness that the German does not comprehend and much dislikes. On another occasion I saw British officers in German uniforms crossing the Potsdamer Platz on their way to Potsdam Station. They were the object of intense curiosity and were surrounded by a sea of Germans. There was no manifestation or manifestation either way. They were smartly dressed and obviously attracted the feminine eye, as I gathered by the outspoken remarks of some of the Backfische (flappers) around me.

Welcome the British
The following from Odessa, Russia, shows how Russia treats her allies: The British Armored Car Contingent has been here several days. The men were entertained at the Bourse by the municipality. A banquet was given to the officers at the Town Hall. Lieut. General Marks said: "Great Britain has severed almost all the tentacles which the black German octopus has been sucking the life blood of the world." A gala performance was held in the Municipal Theatre at which the men were loudly cheered.

"THE DEVIL'S COACH"

German View of Tanks and Effect Upon Defenders

Hearken to the wall of the General Anzeiger newspaper of Dusseldorf, Germany: Two mysterious monsters were crawling towards me over the craters. Stunned as if by an earthquake I laid back around them, they all rubbed their eyes which were fascinated by the fabulous creatures. Their imaginations were still excited by the effects of the bombardment. It was no wonder, then, that imagination got the better of these sorely tried men, who knew well enough that the enemy would use every means to destroy our steel wall of fragile human bodies. These men no longer know what fear is. But here was some devilry which the brain of man had invented, with powerful mechanical forces, a mystery which rooted one to the ground because the intelligence could not grasp it, a fate before which one felt helpless. One started and stared as if one had lost the power of one's limbs. The monsters approached slowly, hobbling, rolling and rocking, but they approached. Nothing tempted them; a supernatural force seemed to impel them on. Some one in the trenches said: "The devil is coming," and the word was passed along the line like wildfire. Suddenly tongues of flame leaped out of the armored sides of the iron caterpillar. Shells whistled over our heads, and the sound of machine guns filled the air. The mysterious creature had yielded its secret, and the men came back to their senses; their vigor and tenacity returned when the English infantry rolled up in waves behind the "devil's coaches."

FIGHTING LONDONERS

Canon Woodward's Tribute to Their Joyous, Splendid Spirit

"I hardly know how to find words to do justice to the high and noble spirit of the London men at the front," said Canon C. B. Woodward, proctor of Southwark Cathedral. Canon Woodward has been awarded the Military Cross, was formerly curate at Berners Old Parish Church, Canon Woodward saw some hot fighting on the Vimy Ridge, and later in the Somme advance, where he was wounded.

Said Canon Woodward: "I was struck off the thigh by a piece of shrapnel. At the time I was engaged among the wounded, endeavoring to identify some of our officers. I am now feeling it again, and am going back to the front."

"And I should like," he concluded, "to pay a tribute to the endurance, the cheerfulness, and the courage of our men. I speak of the men from London, because it was they only with whom I had to do. In spite of the wretched weather, the lack of food, the carry on in conditions of much discomfort, they were all as keen and as gallant as one another to see them in the happiest surroundings."

MISUSED WHITE FLAG

Germans Began Their Tricks Very Early in War

The following from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's account of the war will indicate why every British soldier had to lose faith in German fairness: From the story of the Battle of the Alamein—On seeing the white flag flying from the Savage, of B Company, Northampton, got out of the trench, and with Lieutenant Dinnon of the Rifles, advanced to the Germans. He threw down his sword and revolver to show that he was unarmed. He found it difficult in getting a direct answer from the Germans, so he saluted them, officers, who returned his salute, and turned back to walk to his own trench. Dinner, looking back, saw the Germans level their rifles, as he threw himself down, crying out, "For God's sake, get down!" Captain Savage stood on the bank and was riddled with bullets. Many of the Northampton, including Lieutenant Gordon, were shot down by the same volley. The Germans then attempted an advance, which was stopped by the machine guns of the 1st Queen's. Such deplorable actions must always destroy the illusions of civilized warfare.

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN

This famous son of a famous father had already wide parliamentary experience when the war broke out. He has filled many important posts since.

VICTORY OF MOROCCANS

Douaumont French Again—The Swift Assault Described—Few Losses

Following is an English account of the brilliant recapture of Fort Douaumont at the battle of the Marston of the Moroccan Colonials which stormed Douaumont Fort. Before setting out in the morning they promised their comrades to do the job quickly and they kept their word. In spite of rain, mud, barbed wire, and innumerable other obstacles, which the enemy had accumulated on the slopes of the fort, the attacking force pushed up the slopes and narrow paths with incredible agility. About half-past two, less than three hours after they had gone over the parapets, the mist lifted and through their glasses the staff officers in the observation posts saw the Colonials standing out clearly against the horizon. On Douaumont Ridge they could be seen like shadow figures climbing the hill, running to and fro, and surrounding the fort on all sides. Swarming in ever increasing numbers under its shattered walls, the sun came out, and in and shortly after the watchers saw the columns of the vanquished issuing from the crater stronghold. Next morning the fort was cleaned up. The body included a large quantity of arms, munitions and artillery. Despite their splendid gains for the French their losses were extremely slight. They do not, on the whole, extend of the operations, equal half the number of prisoners taken.

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Set Apart for this Purpose

There is to be a national service week in Canada. The date has been announced by R. B. Bennett, director of national service. It will be the first week in January.

One of the features of the week will be the issuance of a card to every man in Canada. This card will have printed upon it a number of questions regarding national service and must be filled in and returned by all men between the ages of 16 and 65. The postmasters have charge of this work.

The questions are as follows:

1—What is your name?

2—Where do you live, province?

3—Name of city, town, village or postoffice, street, number?

4—In what country were you born?

5—In what country were your mother or father born?

6—Were you born a British subject?

7—If not, are you naturalized?

8—How much time have you lost in last 12 months from sickness?

9—Have you full use of your limbs?

10—Of your legs?

11—Of your right arm?

12—Of your hearing?

13—Are you married, single or widower?

14—How many persons besides yourself do you support?

15—What are you working at for a living?

16—Whom do you work for?

17—Have you a trade or profession?

18—If so, what?

19—Are you working now?

20—If not, why?

21—Would you be willing to change your present work for other necessary work at the same pay during the war?

22—Are you willing, if your railway fare is paid, to leave where you now live and go to some other place in Canada to do such work?

Two millions of these cards will be issued.

The object is to secure an accurate inventory of the number of men in Canada for the vital industries such as agriculture and munitions manufacture.

There is nothing in the cards which can be interpreted as showing a move toward conscription, but of course the number of men of military age available for recruiting will be ascertained.

Grade VIII Examinations

The following list of names is the standing of Grade VIII for term ending December 31st, 1916.

Vera French, 85 p.e.

Marie Thompson, 83 p.e.

Theresa Dickson, 82 p.e.

Paul Cunningham, 81 p.e.

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WHATEVER SHE WANTED

BY ISABEL EGGLESTONE MACKAY

Miss Lenore Heimick, with the cab rattling, paused at the door and looked back with that gracious smile which she kept in cold storage and produced occasionally for the benefit of her dependents.

"Remember, Una," said she, "during my absence you are quite free. Employ your time as you see fit, with the exception of the glass and pewter. I have no further directions."

"Thank you, Miss Heimick," Una said, with a theory that it is not derogatory to one's self-respect to address one's employer as "man"; but in practice she always said "Miss Heimick."

"And Una, you are quite sure that you are not afraid of burglars?"

"Not at all, Miss Heimick," she said. "Very well. Now don't forget—the glass and pewter, but otherwise what ever you like! Good-bye and a merry Christmas!"

Una looked after the retreating cab with a shrewd smile. Then she closed the door and returned to the kitchen to finish washing the luncheon dishes. Una was supposed to be Miss Heimick's secretary, but there were no secretarial duties and plenty of housework, the name may be taken in a Pictetian sense, merely. The supperman was supposed to appear in the evening, but such a nice refinement, and perhaps it did. Una never said that it didn't.

To-day, as she washed the luncheon dishes she didn't mind clutter more than usual and to their clattering as she sang a little song to tune up the brown. The words seemed to be these:

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was nothing strange in this but it struck upon the lady was more than strange. At the first she sprang erect in her chair, one hand flew to her head, the other to her parted and breathless. She looked like a rather badly frightened girl, startled by the suddenness of the door, rolled comfortably upon the floor.

"I mean the bell rang."

"A third time it rang and then continued to ring. Some one was keeping a finger upon the button."

"The girl pulled herself together and snatching a long shawl from the counter, wrapped it carefully around her, biding the lowest neck and the white barmen of her arms above the gloves. Then she went to the door.

"It opened to a blast of cold wind, a flutter of crisp snow flakes and a man."

"The man was tall and big and a stranger. The air felt of that. A man would probably not notice the unusual ornament upon her hair, she thought. She opened the door. After that she was too astonished to feel anything for the man, but she looked at her with the frank admiration and delight and with that absence of reserve which comes only with old acquaintance.

"Well, upon my word!" said she, "the first time I saw you, your gloved hands clasped firmly in my large bare hands. Then, before she could utter a word, he stepped in and shut the door.

"They stood together in the lighted hallway staring at each other with mutual surprise. He still held her hands. Then the man's eyes which were grey and clear grew suddenly misty. He dropped her hands and to her was certain hesitance in his voice as he said:

"By Jove! It's good to see you."

"But," faltered the girl finding her brother, "it is not good to see you. I am a Pictetian sense, merely. The superhuman was supposed to appear in the evening, but such a nice refinement, and perhaps it did. Una never said that it didn't."

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Our Christmas display of beef is the best ever seen in Red Deer
COME IN AND SEE OUR STOCK

We guarantee to suit you no matter what you want, in both
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We wish you all
A Happy New Year

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Special New Year's Matinee

A Play that will keep you smiling, and a Dramatic Kick in each Act

Reserve Your Seats Early

LYRIC THEATRE - JAN. 1

Matinee and Evening. Prices, \$1.00 & 75c.

Plano's Tyndal-J. E. Walton.
J. LaFrambois and wife were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith over Christmas.

Master Ford Tallman is home from Western Canada College, Calgary for the holidays.

Editor J. H. Sutton, of the Olive Record, and family were visitors in the city over Christmas.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Methodist church parlor next Friday at three thirty.

Douglas Simpson was in Red Deer over the holidays and looks quite smart in the uniform of the Canadian Field Artillery.

F. Domoney says they are through threshing for the season now. The work has been rather miserable the past few weeks.

Those of the 1916 boys who had perforce to stay in barracks over Xmas, report having enjoyed a splendid Christmas dinner.

Rooking horses, sleighs, flags, pointsettias, dolls, paints, crayons, and a large stock of school books, and sundries at John McVicar's.

Miss Gladys Greening is home from Garbutt business college, Calgary over the holidays and Miss Florence Greening is home from her school.

The regular meeting of the ladies Sewing Circle of Poplar Ridge and Crossroads will be held at Mrs. Strong's on Wednesday, January 10.

The 1916 boys did not send a hockey team to Lacombe on Christmas day as only a few of the players were remaining here over the holidays.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Presbyterian Church will hold their annual business meeting in the church hall on Thursday, December 28, at 3 p.m.

Just arrived a carload of McLaughlin Cutters, Buggies and Demos. These are high class goods and if in need of any, please drop in and see them.—Jarvis & Hammond.

D. A. Bickell, of Lethbridge, has been spending a few days with his family in the city. He will not move for some time as there is not an available residence in Lethbridge to rent at the present.

Mr. McCormick, formerly of the W. E. Lord Co. staff, was in town for a few days. He has been turned down for overseas service on account of rheumatism but will stay with the motor transport in Calgary.

The young people do not seem to be patronizing the skating rink so well as they might. Although there was a fair crowd out on Christmas afternoon. Many entertainments and cold weather are perhaps to blame for this.

A banquet will be held at Hillsdown, on Thursday evening in honor of Capt. R. Fiske, son of R. L. Fiske. Several will likely go out from Red Deer. Capt. Fiske will probably be returning to the front some time soon.

Remember the Baptist Christmas tree and entertainment to-night in the church at 7:30. The Pastor urges all the parents and friends of the children, and all members of the congregation to be present. There is no admission fee, a free will offering or missions will be taken.

At the close of the service next Sunday evening the choir of the Leonard Gaetz Memorial Methodist church will render, by request, the Christmas music from Witten's Sacred Cantata, "From Manger to Cross." During the service Miss Kathleen Ramsey will sing a solo.

For Some years the members of the Presbyterian church, Red Deer have found the Communion service on the last Sunday evening of the year a particularly helpful one. Next Sunday being the close of the year, a Communion service will be held in the evening. The usual preparatory service on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. As most of the church are out of town the members' cards will not be distributed this week.

Charlie Bremner, Eric Lyke, Miss Marion Munro, Miss Jarvis, Miss Edna White, Miss Geraldine Lyke, and several more of our enterprising young school teachers are in the city over the holidays. Misses Munro and Jarvis made some \$70 each out of their Patriotic entertainments held at the end of the term and Mr. Lyke took in over \$120 for the same good cause. Misses Munro and Annie White and Eric Lyke will attend Calgary Normal after the New Year.

Mrs. Roy Dyers is expected home from the east the first week in January.

Mr. L. M. Gaetz, of Springvale, left Thursday to spend Christmas at Winnipeg.

The Red Cross dance that was to be in Henderson's barn at Willowdale is postponed.

Ernest George, of Edmonton, and Fred George were home for Christmas with their parents.

Mr. C. C. Martin and family have returned to Ontario where he will reside near St. Catharines.

Mr. T. H. McLaughlin, of the merchants Bank-staff, left last week to spend Christmas at Toronto.

Help the city finances along by paying your taxes before January 1st and also save the 5 p.c. penalty.

The installation of the new officers of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 A.F. & A.M. will take place on December 27th.

Sergt. and Mrs. Sams and daughter left here last Saturday to spend Christmas week with relatives in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gaetz, while en route to Victoria, B.C., where they will make their home visited the relatives here.

Mr. R. W. Armstrong, manager of the Red Deer Grocery Co., left on Monday for Edmonton, where he will spend the holidays.

Mr. W. Jamieson left Thursday to spend Christmas at his home at Athabasca Landing. Mr. Jamieson went up last week.

Mr. C. Hamilton, sr., is confined to the house, but is able to talk to friends. He had a paralytic stroke on one side a few days ago.

Rev. Jos. and Mrs. Woodsworth and Mr. R. B. Woodsworth left on Thursday to spend Christmas with their parents at Winnipeg.

Pay up your taxes before the 1st of January or as much of them as you possibly can, and save the 5 p.c. penalty which will be imposed on that date.

Mr. J. C. Murray who has been C.P.R. stores clerk at the shops here for several years, has been transferred to Lethbridge. He is succeeded by Mr. Watson.

The Soldier's Wives Club will give a grand quadrangle ball on Wednesday evening, January 12th. There will be prizes which will be mentioned later. Single tickets, 75 cents.

Mr. F. S. Simpson attended the annual meeting of the Alberta Red Cross Society in Calgary on Monday.

Mrs. Simpson has charge of the Red Cross branch of the I.P.D.E., "Red Deer."

It is expected that at an early date the C.P.R. will put on a through passenger train daily each way between Lacombe and Kerrobert, doing away with the present service between these points.

Bert Miller will be in town until after the Students Re-Union at the School. He has been up and written of two trips, at the University, and will probably take to teaching again after the New Year.

Next Saturday will be the last day for paying North Red Deer taxes before the penalty of 5 p.c. will be added. Secretary-Treasurer's office will be open from 9:30 to 12:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. J. E. Walton, Secretary-Treasurer.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church will be held on Wednesday evening, January 10th. A good evening is anticipated. Members and friends interested keep the date open.

Don't forget the Institute test room Saturday afternoon. It will be in charge of Mrs. T. A. Gaetz. Call and have a cup of good hot tea.

Cheap Shelter for Feeding Cattle on the Prairie

(Dominion Experimental Farms Note)

The usual apology for so few live stock on the prairie is that the farm is the lack of capital, suitable buildings or shelters, fences, market facilities and water supply. Of these perhaps the greatest barrier to contend with are the lack of suitable buildings and abundant water supply.

For the past few years the Indian Head Experimental Farms has conducted experiments in steer feeding with the object of comparing various shelters, such as the stable, the open corral with a high board fence, the straw-covered shed and the bush or straw stack shelter.

During the winters of 1913-14 and 1914-15, which were rather mild, the average daily gain per steer wintered outside was 1.95 and 1.75 pounds respectively. However, the winter of 1915-16 was unusually severe and the average mean temperature for December, January and February was 5.40 degrees. Nevertheless, the average daily gain per steer under the various outside shelters was 1.65 pounds. It is obvious from the above results that the question of buildings need not deter a man from entering the live stock business. Feeders do relatively better outside than when housed in expensive barns. With prairie hay at \$10.00 per ton, and feed grain at 14 cents per pound or \$25.00 per ton on a fair average profit may be realized each year, with manure as a by-product. A market is thus provided for the rough feeds and low-grade grain grown on the farm.

Where natural shelters such as scrub and brush are not available, a corral with a board fence about seven feet high and a rough straw-covered shed, open to the south, will provide sufficient shelter from the stormy weather. These shelters are easily and cheaply constructed on the average farm and will be found satisfactory for all classes of live stock. Well-fed cattle are not averse to cold weather providing they can get out of the wind. The shed and also a space in front should be kept well bedded with straw, and almost invariably the cattle will choose to lie in front except on very cold days.

Invitations have been sent out for the ex-Students' Reunion at the School on Friday evening, December 29th. Some ex-students may have been unavoidably overlooked, and, in this case, the management will be pleased if all such will consider this as an open invitation.

The thermometer registered 20 below last Wednesday, 31, below last Thursday; 27 below Friday; 17 below Saturday; 25 below Sunday and Monday and 28 below on Tuesday. This was one of the coldest December weeks ever experienced in the West. An interesting address will be given on Tuesday next in the Oddfellows Hall by Mrs. E. S. Kerby, of Calgary to the members of the Women's Club and their friends. The lecture will be at 3.00 o'clock.

Election Worker Tells How Six Liberal Candidates in Vancouver Engaged Him to Secure Plugger

M. A. MacDonald Repented Before Election, But Men Voted Nevertheless

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—The confession of John T. Scott, election worker, in the provincial campaign last spring, has been published.

Scott swears that he was first appointed to act in the interests of the Liberal party in Vancouver by the six Liberal candidates of the city, namely: Ralph Smith, M. A. MacDonald, J. W. DeFarris, Dr. McIntosh, J. C. Cowper and Patrick Honnelly. His work was to consist of making a canvass of the city.

The consensus of opinion was that past great majorities gained by Conservative candidates was by importing pluggers from Seattle and other points in defiance of the election act. After a conference with M. A. MacDonald, Scott was instructed to make arrangements to counteract this if possible. He therefore went in January to Seattle. There he made arrangements with John Clancy to get together one hundred men who were to receive \$10 apiece and their expenses to go over to Vancouver and vote in the places of men whom affiant could not locate, but whose names had been supplied with \$1000. Clancy was to receive for this service \$500. At this time Clancy was paid \$250.

Before leaving Vancouver Scott received \$1,300 in bills by a messenger on Hastings street. It was impossible for affiant to say who this man was Clancy then agreed to get his men together and have them ready to send over. Three days prior to election Scott again came to Seattle affiant having been supplied with \$1000 in the same way and at the same place, and again saw Clancy at the Regina hotel. Scott paid over to Clancy the balance of the money, about \$1,000 and Clancy told Scott that he would send the men over. Scott made arrangements to have them sent over to certain rooming houses in Vancouver.

Previous to election, MacDonald told Scott to use all efforts to stop these men from voting and to try to send them back.

On election day there were twenty men in Vancouver, the balance Scott had either succeeded in getting back or lost track of. Jack White had been supplied with a list of names of voters and when Scott saw him about 11 o'clock on the morning of election day, he told Scott that he had voted all of his men once. Scott then told him not to vote for himself and to take his men out of the city.

Will the parties who left a White Wyandotte cock at the office door of the Northern Crown Bank kind report to the manager.

51-1 CITY OF RED DEER

Assessment Roll, 1917

NOTICE is hereby given that the assessment roll of the City of Red Deer for the year 1917 has been prepared and is now open for inspection at my office in the City Hall from ten a.m. to four p.m. every day which is not a public holiday, except Saturday (and on that day from ten a.m. to twelve o'clock noon), and that any ratepayer who desires to object to the assessment of himself or of any other person must within twenty-one days after the date of this notice lodge his complaint in writing at my office.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1916.

(Signed) A. T. STEPHENSON, Assessor

LYRIC

Thurs., Dec. 28

Chapter VII

"The Secret of the Submarine"

Also 3 other reels of interest

Friday, Dec. 29

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Usual Prices.

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Kettles in granite, nickel plated copper, aluminum at 2.00 to 6.50



Coffee Pots in Aluminum, Nickel-plated, and granite 50c to 2.50



O'Ceal Mops, every house should have one, triangular 75c to 1.25, combination 1.25.



Alarm Clocks, 1.65 to one guaranteed for two years at 3.00.



Useful Gifts are Scissors, from 60c to the fully guaranteed ones at 1.40



Razor Straps are always welcome to men, 75c to 1.50 each.



You cannot go wrong in giving a Razor. We have a fine line from 1.50 up to 5.00 for the Gillette or Auto Strip.



Every Boy should have a Pocket Knife. We have a great variety to choose from. Knives from 35c up to 3.50.

Skates
Skating is going to be very popular this winter. We have a splendid assortment at from 75c to 6.50

Knife, Fork and Spoon
Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon set of good quality at 1.00

Carving Sets
Carving Sets at 3.00 and up to \$10 for the silver lining.

Rifles at \$4.00
Buy the Boy one. 22 cal. \$4.00 and up.

Casserole
Casserole make an ideal Gift, at 4.00 to 7.00.

Hockey Sticks, and Hand Sleighs and many other useful Gift articles.

Day Hardware Co.
RED DEER'S CASH HARDWARE

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Foot Warmers - \$1.50 up
Coal for same - \$1.10 per dozen
Sleigh Bells - From \$2.50 a string
Horse Blankets - \$5.00 a pair up
Saskatchewan and Fur Robes, \$10.00 up
Suit Cases and Club Bags - \$2.25 up
Riding Bridles - \$1.75 up
Spreaders - 60c. up
Mitts, per pair - From 75c. to \$4.00

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